



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
LAND ACQUISITION  
SOUTH BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Background**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration, (NCA) is developing a number of columbarium-only national cemeteries as part of its Urban Initiative program, which will provide a burial option for Veterans and their families in metropolitan areas who reside farther than 50 miles and one-hour drive time from their nearest national cemetery. As part of this initiative NCA seeks to establish a columbarium-only national cemetery north of the Chicago metropolitan area to better serve local Veterans and their families.

**Proposed Action**

The VA is proposing to acquire 15-acres of land in the northern Chicago metropolitan area on which to develop a columbarium-only national cemetery to service Chicago-area veterans. The Proposed Action will allow the VA to provide a burial option to eligible Veterans and their families on the northside of the Chicago metropolitan area that will serve the community for the next 100+ years.

**Actions Completed**

Pursuant to Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that Revised Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared.

**Conclusions**

The Revised Draft EA identifies, analyzes and documents the potential physical, environmental, cultural, and economic impacts associated with the VA's Proposed Action. The Revised Draft EA also evaluates the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts resulting from the Proposed Action. The proposed action and the no action alternative are considered.

**Revised Draft Environmental Assessment Location**

The public is advised that it has 30 days to respond from the date of this publication with comments. The public comment period runs from October 17, 2019, to November 18, 2019. Hard copies of the Draft EA are available for public review at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery; the Barrington Area Library, 505 North Northwest Highway, Barrington, Illinois, 60010; Hoffman Estates Public Library, 1550 Hassell Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169; and at the VA website: <https://www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp>

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